

**Comment on the proposed conservation of prevailing usage of TERMOPSISIDAE  
Holmgren, 1911, *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 and *Miotermes* Rosen, 1913  
(Insecta, Isoptera)**

(Case 3244; see BZN 60: 119–123)

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The genus *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 is compounded by the stem *term-* (of genus *Termes*, a Latin third declension masculine substantive) and ending *-opsis*, taken from the Greek word *ópsis*, meaning ‘aspect’ or ‘appearance’, which is feminine. According to Article 30.1.2 of the Code, the genus *Termopsis* is feminine in gender (this name is actually given as an example in the Code). All zoological genera ending in *-opsis*, irrespective of the original genus given by their authors, are feminine. Original specific names that are not in accordance with the current genus gender must be emended (see Article 34.2).

Article 68.1 explicitly states the precedence of the different kinds of type species fixation. Type species fixation by original designation has precedence over type species fixation by monotypy. Consequently, I request that para. 11 of Case 3244 be amended as follows:

- (2) to place on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology the following names:
- (a) *Termopsis* Heer, 1849 (gender: feminine), type species by designation in (1) above *Termopsis breinii* Heer, 1849;
  - (b) *Miotermes* Rosen, 1913 (gender: masculine), type species by original designation *Termopsis procera* Heer, 1849 . . .

**Comment on the proposed precedence of *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July)  
(Insecta, Coleoptera) over *Odonteus* Samonelle, 1819 (June)**

(Case 3097; see BZN 59: 246–248, 280–281)

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1. We oppose Jameson & Howden’s application to give *Bolboceras* Kirby, 1819 (July) precedence over *Odonteus* Samouelle, 1819 (June) because the latter name is not only the older synonym but is also more frequently used in the current literature than *Bolboceras*. We also oppose including names currently considered to be junior